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1. ACCORDING TO SENIOR BELGIAN FINMIN OFFICIALS JACQUES VAN YPERSELE, BELGIUM IS SATISFIED WITH RECENT IMF/IBRD MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON (JAN. 13-17, 1975). IN VAN YPERSELE'S VIEW, THE MOST IMPORTANT IMF EVENT IN WASHINGTON WAS WHAT HE CONSIDERED THE U.S. AGREEMENT TO MOVE ANOTHER STEP CLOSER TO THE EC POSITION ON GOLD (ZEIST AGREEMENT, BRUSSELS EC 2457). UNDER THAT AGREEMENT, CENTRAL BANKS WOULD BE FREE TO BOTH SELL AND BUY GOLD AT MARKET PRICES.

2. IN VAN YPERSELE'S VIEW, THERE WAS LITTLE ACCEPTANCE FOR THE U.S.'S PROPOSED "TRUST FUND" BECAUSE OF U.S. INSISTANCE ON THE IDEA OF SALE OF GOLD BY THE IMF. THE "THIRD WINDOW" PROPOSAL AT THE IBRD, ON THE OTHER HAND, VAN YPERSELE EXPECTS TO SEE ACCEPTED BY THE U.S. AT NEXT JUN'S IBRD MEETING.RENNER CONFIDENTIAL

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